

going to call attention. I know there is some amendments being drawn for a appropriate bill which would reinstate the essential language. I think Senator Marvel suggested it could be. Ya, I know there is, so that the Legislature or the Budget Committee in future sessions would have ample or more adequate information and timely than apparently was true this time.

SPEAKER: The motion before the house is an introduction of a bill to repeal LB 259. There is no people who wish to speak, therefore, the chair will recognize Senator Chambers to close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, certainly the heat that was generated earlier when this matter was discussed a few weeks ago has dissipated and I think that's good. Now, I hope that the calm being experienced in the body now is based on our being deliberative and thoughtful about the issue that is before us rather than a manifestation of boredom and disinterest. I hope you can maintain interest for about five or six minutes longer while I close. I feel that we don't owe our primary duty to the Governor to give him what he wants. Our duty is to the people. We all know about the separation of powers concept because it is often mentioned but very seldom discussed or explained. I stated before that the Legislative branch has the responsibility to consider the conditions found in a society and enact wise and just laws to meet those situations. The Legislature comes into session long enough to pass laws, then adjourns. After that, there has to be another arm of government to enforce the laws. Passage of laws can be done in a relative short time but the laws are to be in effect at all times. That is where the Executive Branch comes in. The Governor's responsibility is not to establish fiscal policy but to carry out and enforce the laws by appropriate means that the Legislature enacts. The reason the Legislature passes a law and does not enforce it is because the possibility could arise of the Legislature feeling it is not bound by the laws it passes and you see an example of this in the Watergate situation where the President, who is the Executive of the country, feels that he is not bound by the laws of the country so he violates the law, openly and with impunity. I think that all of these issues are coming under question today in the country. Not just at the Federal level but at the state level too., and I think what the Legislature did in passing LB 259 is an indication of how various men who are granted positions of responsibility do not fulfill the duties of that office. To introduce this bill that I am offering will only be that, the introduction of a bill. It will not repeal the budget. The casting of a vote for the introduction of this bill might serve to some extent to restore a degree of confidence in the Legislature as a body of deliberative, responsible individuals. I will take the responsibility for the introduction of the bill and for what happens to it after it is introduced. You are voting to introduce it, offer the vehicle to do whatever may be felt necessary to do other than what has been done already, and I wish that you would consider this. I've stated before that there are times I've been characterized as irresponsible, radical, revolutionary, destructive and things like that. If that is really what I came to the Legislature for, I would have jumped with both feet on what the Legislature did a couple of weeks ago because I could have demonstrated by that action the failure of the system, the inability of the Legislature to do what it is suppose to do when the Governor cracks the whip. But I'm not interested in hurting all of the people in the state to prove an academic or theoretical point, namely, that this system of government cannot function. I say that the system did not function